

**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 2. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form in amended claim 1, and the remaining claims depend from claim 1.

For these reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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